

## Precautions Established

# SBC Churches Report Growing Violence

Bonita Sparrow  
For Baptist Press

In Fort Worth, Tex., recently, a church treasurer delivering the Southern Baptist Church's Sunday collection to a bank's night deposit window was shot in the back and robbed. He died as his teenaged daughters watched in horror.

In Donelson, Tenn., three deacons at First Baptist Church were counting the offering when four armed men wearing ski masks took up the collection at gunpoint.

In Charlotte, N.C., staff members at Woodlawn Baptist Church came to work one morning to dis-

cover the offices ransacked and thousands of dollars worth of new music equipment gone.

Across the Southern Baptist Convention, churches report such incidents, indicating that while the meek may well inherit the earth, the violent seem out to snatch it from them.

Many churches are putting feet to prayers for God's protection by hiring extra security guards, installing burglar alarms and surveillance systems and adding additional lights. Unlocked door policies have gone the way of the passenger pigeon and the five cent cup of coffee. Doors are kept

locked at all times.

Protection is expensive. First Baptist Church of Dallas, largest church in the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination, reportedly spent "between \$40,000 to \$50,000 on extra guards over the past year." The April 21, 1975 issue of U.S. News and World Report said the church "is installing a new lock system for the building. Already in use is an electronic surveillance system."

Russell Dilday, pastor of Atlanta's Second Ponce De Leon Baptist, said that church has provided additional lighting and installed burglar alarms and equip-

ment at a cost of about \$10,000 over the past three years.

"We aren't in a heavy crime area," he said, "but whenever I attend a meeting of metropolitan pastors that's the main topic of discussion."

Robert LeFavre, associate editor of the Georgia Christian Index, agreed. LeFavre, former associate pastor in charge of ministries at Atlanta Baptist Tabernacle, described the problem as a progressive one.

"When I left in 1972, everything was closed up tight. Visitors had to ring the buzzer on the door, identify themselves and then those inside unlocked the door."

Adrian Rogers said Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, has bought property around the church plant and cleared it away for parking. "We have electronic

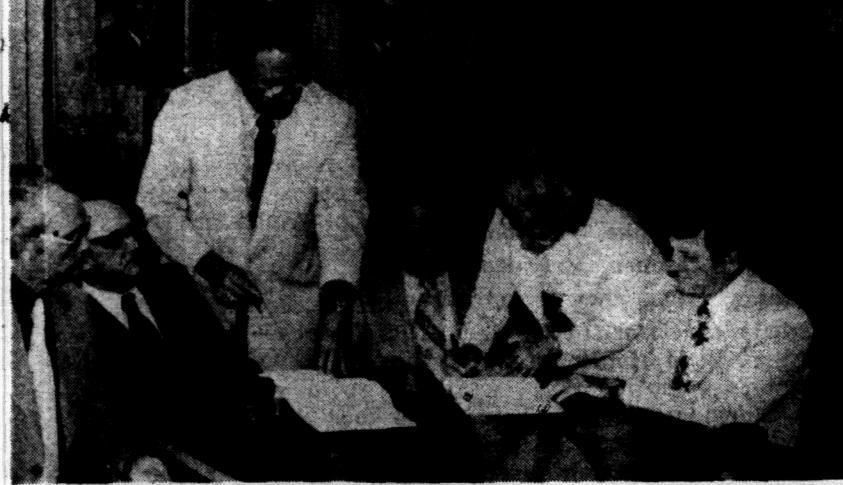
burglar alarms," he said, "and we've moved our scattered church offices into a more compact complex. We have uniformed patrolmen on the parking lots and we've increased parking lot lighting and landscaping to give a campus effect and still allow people to see what's going on."

James Pleitz, pastor of First Church, Pensacola, Fla., reported

"a real problem" in this city.

"Deacons patrol the building during services and we have armed policemen on the parking lots around the church," he said.

"We leave the Sunday morning (Continued on page 2)



Officials of The Baptist Children's Village and Farrow Manor, Inc., execute a lease agreement under which the Village assumes possession and control of its new branch campus in Tate County. Shown above are (seated l. to r.) Rev. T. M. Jennings of Independence, secretary of Farrow Manor, Inc.; Jack H. Ewing of Jackson, president, Board of Trustees, The Baptist Children's Village; Lyle V. Corey of Meridian, secretary, Board of Trustees, The Baptist Children's Village; and L. W. Turner of Senatobia, president, Farrow Manor, Inc. (Standing l. to r.) Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent, The Baptist Children's Village and Mrs. Winnie Dilmore, secretary to the superintendent.

## Blue Mountain College To Host Bible Conference

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. — Blue Mountain College will be the host for a Bible Conference Aug. 4-8 that will feature Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

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# Flood In Recife, Brazil, Damages Missionary Homes

RECIFE, Brazil (BP) — No Southern Baptist missionaries were among the 89 killed in a flood here recently, although nine of the 12 mission homes were extensively damaged.

The Baptist Goodwill Center here sheltered about 500 persons during the first two nights after the flood, until the Army could relocate them. Miss Doris Penkert, Southern Baptist missionary and social worker, reported the situation in the center was not good. She is receiving blankets, clothing, and food for the people in the area.

All of the missionaries are

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tist missionary to Japan. Virginia B. Highfill, also a Southern Baptist missionary, has conducted orientation classes and will assist in the meetings as an interpreter.

"This is an evangelistic tour," said Pastor Shinsaku Kodama. "Those who were interested in sight-seeing and amusement have been discouraged."

"Many dedicated Christians who cannot accompany us have contributed to the fund of \$3,000 for promotion and preparation in Amarillo," he added.

The pastor's brother, Tadashige Kodama, manager of an oil chemical company in Tokyo, is among those participating. He first heard about Christ in 1948 when he attended a meeting where Baker J. Cauthen, now executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was preaching. Later he made a profession of faith and now serves as a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

While the Akatsuka Church is busy with preparations in Tokyo, First Baptist Church, Amarillo, is also in the midst of plans for the arrival of the Japanese Christians. Advance publicity has begun, and meetings of hosts and hostesses, who will house the 54 guests in their homes, are underway.

## Editorial Urges Combining Mission Boards, Magazines

MEMPHIS (BP) — A missions magazine, published here by the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission, is editorially urging combining of the denomination's mission boards and mission publications.

In its July issue, *World Mission Journal*, edited by Jim Newton, urged a 21-member, SBC-appointed committee studying the SBC's world missions advance for the remainder of the 20th Century to consider merging the Home and Foreign Mission Boards into one World Mission Board.

The August issue of the magazine will urge the same committee to consider merging three missions magazines of the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination, which has nearly 5,000 missionaries throughout the U.S. and 82 foreign countries.

The magazine merger proposal, called by *World Mission Journal* a "logical extension" of the mission board proposal, suggests merging The Commission, published by the Foreign Mission Board; Home Missions, published by the Home Mission Board; and *World Mission Journal*.

Newton said copies of the editorials will be sent to committee members, made up of seven trustees each from the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and seven members-at-large.

"I haven't discussed this point of view with the Brotherhood Commission, which gives me the freedom to express editorial opinion," Newton told *Baptist Press*. "The editors represent my own opinion as editor."

"I'm the first to recognize the inherent problems in this proposal and the probability that the committee will be unable to resist pressures to keep things the way they are. Realistically, these proposals may never be accepted, but they need to be looked at anyway. Someone has to look creatively at denominational structures and ask if they are the right structures. This committee is the one to do that in the area of missions," he said.

"We Baptists have fragmented missions by segmenting it into associational missions, state missions, home missions and foreign missions. We intensify this frag-

safe, but the property damage will be high, according to Raymond L. Kolb, field representative for Brazil. Missionary Wade H. Smith's home sustained the greatest damage with six feet of water inside the house. The Glenn E.

Hickey and Ray T. Fleets were away for the evening, and the David L. Millers were on furlough. They had three to five feet of water on the front floor of each of their homes.

The J. Fred Spanns, L. Byron

## Church Music Dept. To Sponsor Creative Worship, Praise Clinics

Three important conferences have been scheduled in September to give aid in planning creative worship services. The Church Music Department is sponsoring Creative Worship and Praise Clinics at Calvary Church, Columbia on September 8, Williamsburg Church of Kosciusko on September 9 and First Church, Batesville on September 11. Pastors, music directors and lay persons in the areas of the clinics, along with personnel from the Baptist building, will lead the sessions.

A special feature of each clinic will be actual demonstration and comparison of the many components involved in a normal "order of service." The object will not be necessarily to show a "right" way — but rather to present the opportunity for persons to experience various situations and decide which ones best fit individual situations.

Time during the evening will also be given to separate sessions for small churches and large churches to allow for more explicit discussions of particular needs and possible solutions. Additional features of these three one-night sessions will include congregational singing from the New Baptist Hymnal and displays of creative worship materials. The sessions will be of interest to pastors, music directors, accompanists, those who make announcements in the service, choir members and lay persons alike.

The time for each clinic is 7-9 p.m. Everyone interested is en-

couraged to attend the session at the location nearest him.

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country. About 1,000 of the 5,500 have been placed by Southern Baptists, working through CWS.

In some cases, Baptists seeking to sponsor refugees have received very quick response and have met with their families within days.

In other instances, though, sponsors have waited weeks or months without word from resettlement authorities. Such delays prompted W. Truman Moore, a Home Mission Board director, to present the resolution. Moore, an Arkansas pastor, has served as coordinator of local Southern Baptist resettlement efforts at Fort Chaffee, Ark., one of the four government resettlement camps.

"I have received phone calls from Maine to California critical of the program; every day I get a bunch more of them," Moore told *Baptist Press*. Moore said his resolution is not intended "to put CWS in a bad light. They have been very helpful... but, he said, the effort through CWS 'has not gotten off the ground well.'

Several churches and individuals have been dissatisfied with bottlenecks and snags in the sponsorship procedure. First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Tex., for example, after a long wait, took an opportunity which presented itself to get a family from a non-Baptist source.

McKinley (Mac) Coffman, head of CWS' office at Fort Chaffee, admitted there has been "a little bit of a bottleneck." He pointed, however, to several sources, including problems with security clearances, governmental regulations, and internal organization as part of the problems.

"We have a little bit of a problem with the people being sponsored by Baptists because they are afraid of being proselytized," said Coffman, an executive of the Church of the Brethren.

Gene Tunnel, a Southern Baptist missionary to Vietnam now working at Chaffee, says some of the slowness in placing families with Southern Baptist sponsors has been "confusion and complication of the procedure... The name of the game is now quick you can match an appropriate sponsor with an appropriate refugee family. If our red tape serves only to lengthen that process, on top of the red tape that already exists, it causes more problems," Tunnel said.

Under contract with the government, officially recognized agencies receive \$500 for each refugee placed. They use it various ways, some, such as CWS, charging 20 percent of administrative costs and other costs against it, in addition to using it for refugee needs. According to the Home Mission Board's resolution, the board will use all for the refugees, none for administrative purposes, should the board work direct with the government.

their frustrations negatively," he said.

"We have not built walls around the church. We do have to have security, policemen about and that sort of thing, but that is more a precautionary measure than anything else."

W. O. Vaugh Jr., of Little Rock, said that precautionary locks, lights and a burglar alarm connected to the fire department didn't deter a break-in at Immanuel Baptist Church. Five plate glass doors were destroyed with a crowbar and the church sustained damages amounting to more than \$3,000 before the culprit was finally discovered.

Another incident in Mississippi not mentioned as a part of the Baptist Press story occurred earlier this year as sacks of money and checks were taken on Monday morning from an office of First Baptist Church, Jackson, when a staff member's attention was diverted elsewhere momentarily.



Mrs. Lola Webb, left, presents a check for \$1,000 to Mrs. Thomas Nichols, center. Miss Louise Parker is at right. The check was a donation of the Fidelity Sunday School Class of First Church, Jackson, to the Willard F. Bond Home in memory of Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy.

## Sunday School Class Honors Memory Of Karenza Gilfoy

Members of the Fidelity Sunday School Class of First Church, Jackson, honored the memory of a former teacher, Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, when they recently presented a check for \$1,000 to the Willard F. Bond Home in her memory.

Mrs. Gilfoy served on the board of directors of the home for many years in addition to her quarter century as Superintendent of Mississippi Baptist Hospital. After her retirement from the hospital her complete attention and service was directed to the Willard Bond Home and the Fidelity Sunday School Class, with the teaching of the word of God. She exercised charity and compassion toward each individual member, especially those in trouble or distress. Therefore, Mrs. Lola Webb told how, at the time of her passing, the class started a fund which has been growing now for eight years, reaching the sum of \$1,000 through the sacrificial giving of the members.

The check was presented by Mrs. Lola Webb and Louise Parker, president of the class, to Mrs. Thomas Nichols, co-administrator of the W. F. Bond Home. Mrs. Nichols accepted the gift and said it would be used to furnish a therapy room with a plaque on the door honoring the memory of Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy. She told of the needs of the home, how they live "by faith" from day to day, and no one has ever turned away. "Therefore," she said, "gifts like this are gratefully received, for they shall be used to improve the quality of the physical arrangements for the residents there."

Mr. Horace Kerr also expressed his appreciation for the contributions of the praiseworthy life of Mrs. Gilfoy, saying that he did not know of a more fitting tribute for there is no institution anywhere that does more for the older citizens than the Willard Bond Home.

## Baptist Village Leases Campus In Tate County

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Locations for the new home to The Children's Village, but all costs of operation of the children's home on the leased premises will be borne by The Baptist Children's Village from its usual financial resources.

Village trustees and administration will maintain full authority in all matters related to the leased premises and the child care campus. Nunnery emphasized that any further capital investments on the leased lands, including the construction of additional buildings, will be accomplished by Farrow Manor without cost to The Village but at a rate and on a schedule approved by The Village's Board of Trustees. The lease agreement is indicated to be \$1 and the acceptance by The Children's Village of the responsibility for the operation of a Children's home on the leased premises, including the satisfaction of all operating expenses incident thereto.

"The successful conclusion of our negotiations with Farrow Manor represents another forward step in progressive, Christian child care for Mississippi Baptists and a beginning of the realization of a cherished dream for The Baptist Children's Village," Nunnery stated. "Without the necessity of attempting any additional capital investment in lands or buildings, our convention's official child care agency, as lessee of a portion of the Farrow Manor lands, is provided the challenge of a branch campus in extreme north Mississippi, physical facilities in which to immediately expand our custodial capacity by an additional 36 boys and girls; and most important of all, we will be afforded an entirely new and helpful campus dimension and resource in an attractive, wholesome, rural setting for those many children who must remain our custodial responsibility and whose needs can best be met in a rural setting and by a program compatible with that setting. Obviously, our costs of operation will be increased by this expansion, but we are prayerfully confident that Mississippi Baptist churches, and their people, upon whom we are dependent for our existence, will sustain us as we again step out on faith."

The lands upon which the Village's branch campus is being located are a part of an 186-acre tract, contributed to Farrow Manor, Inc., and designated for use in child care and related ministries by Mrs. Ada Farrow, a member of Bett Baptist Church, near Independence, and a long-time resident of Tate County.

## Midwestern

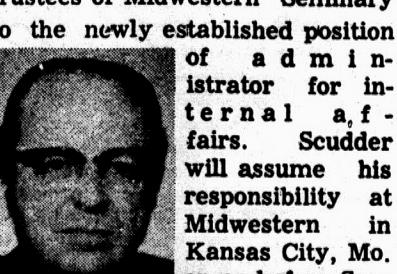
### Seminary Names

### Scudder To Post

Dr. C. W. Scudder, professor at Southwestern Seminary, has been elected unanimously by the trustees of Midwestern Seminary to the newly established position of administrator for internal affairs.

Scudder will assume his responsibility at Midwestern in Kansas City, Mo., on or before September 1.

As administrator for internal affairs Dr. Scudder will have primary responsibility for the internal operations of the seminary, reporting directly to the president.



# HMB Sets \$22.5 Million Budget

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Rutledge reported to the directors that the 1975 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering receipts to date are \$7,801,000 as compared with \$7,020,000 a year ago. The goal for the offering is \$8.5 million.

Bobby M. Sunderland of Oklahoma City was named director of the department of mass evangelism in the evangelism section, effective July 25.

Since 1973, Sunderland has been crusade director and associate evangelist for the Larry Jones Evangelistic Association. He formerly was pastor of several

Oklahoma churches, the most recent being First, Alva. He is a graduate of Southwestern State Teachers College, Weatherford, Okla., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, where he received a bachelor of divinity degree in 1962.

The 1976 goals, approved by the directors, center around the implementation of "Bold Mission Thrust," a four-year program beginning in 1976 aimed at presenting the gospel to every person in America and placing a New Testament church within their reach.

The new appointees include 12 missionaries, 14 missionary associates,

and one two-year-term US-2 missionary. They will serve in Colorado, Iowa, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Arizona, Texas, Virginia, Oklahoma, Utah, and Puerto Rico. Most are also appointed by state conventions in the areas where they serve.

Included among the missionary appointees are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindsey. He will serve as director of missions for Massachusetts in the Baptist General Association of New England.

Lindsey, formerly associated with the Home Mission Board as associate secretary of evangelism from 1965-70, recently re-

signed as president of North Greenville Junior College, Tigerville, S. C., a suburb of Greenville, S. C. He had held the post since leaving the board five years ago.

He is a native of Greenville and a graduate of Mars Hill (N.C.) College, Furman University, Greenville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He served as pastor of churches in South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Texas and was director of the department of evangelism for the South Carolina Baptist Convention from 1961-65.

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## Puppet Seminar To Be At Oak Forest

To meet the demands for trained puppeteers, Puppet Productions, Inc. is announcing their training seminar in Basic Puppetry Tuesday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m. to be held at Oak Forest Church, 2875 Oak Forest Dr., Jackson. The seminar is designed to train those who know nothing about puppetry, but who want to learn as well as for people who are already puppeteers but want more advanced training. To insure personal attention to each individual who attends, only a limited number of registrations will be accepted. For information concerning registrations phone 372-2021.

Among the subjects to be demonstrated are: organizing a church puppet ministry; using puppets as teachers in Sunday School and Children's Church; making puppets "come alive" on stage; utilizing colorful costumes and props; and using puppets to entertain. A separate seminar for experienced puppeteers is scheduled.

## Workshop Sessions For WMU Leaders Continue In State

A series of workshops for leaders of the Southern Baptist Girls in Action program and the Baptist Women program are continuing.

Workshop sessions are being conducted for the leaders of Girls in Action and for Baptist Women at each of a number of locations. The Girls in Action sessions major on enlistment and the Baptist Women sessions are study workshops.

Miss Waudine Storey, an associate in the Woman's Missionary Union Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is directing the enlistment workshops. The study workshops are being conducted by Miss Ethel McKeithen, also an associate in the WMU Department.

The workshops are being sponsored by the department, and Miss Marjean Patterson is director.

At First Baptist Church, Starkville, the time will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 11 and from 10 a.m. and to 12 noon on Aug. 12.

At First Baptist Church, Wiggins, the times will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 11 and from 10 a.m. and to 12 noon on Aug. 12.

At Highland Baptist Church, Laurel, the times will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 12 and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Aug. 13.

At First Baptist Church, Bude, the times will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 14.

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**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina** — Bibles published in Argentina and an Argentine foreign missionary to Peru were two historic firsts announced at the 67th annual meeting of the Argentine Baptist Convention.

## Decade Of Advance Goals

As Mississippi Baptists move through the Decade of Advance (1975-1984) we move thanking God for the past and trusting God for the future.

### I. In the Area of Stewardship and Cooperative Program

1. Raise the level of per capita giving through Biblical Stewardship from \$96.03 in 1973 to \$140.21 in 1984.
2. Increase the percentage of church offerings to be channeled through the Cooperative Program by one half percent per year for the next ten years.
3. Provide a minimum of one million dollars (\$100,000 per year) for the erection of new

Cooperative Program goals would be as follows:

1976 \$7,062,000  
1977 7,556,340  
1978 8,085,283  
1979 8,651,253  
1980 9,256,841  
1981 9,904,820  
1982 10,588,157  
1983 11,340,028  
1984 12,133,880

3. Increase the percentage of the MBCB budget going to World-wide Causes by one half percent per year for the next ten years.

30.91 in 1974  
to  
35.91 in 1984

### II. Goals Relative to Student Work

1. Complete assumption of responsibility for Seminary trained Directors and supervision of all Student Work in all non-Baptist colleges.
2. Maintain a staff on all campuses commensurate with Baptist enrollment and scope of work.
3. Provide a minimum of one million dollars (\$100,000 per year) for the erection of new

centers and the refurbishing and enlarging of existing centers.

### III. Goals Affecting Church Program Organization Groups and Mission and Evangelism Groups

1. Complete Man and Boy Camp at Kosciusko, Mississippi (the unknown cost will probably exceed \$750,000.)
2. Enlist, train and equip a 30-man Disaster Force Unit.
3. Enlist and train 275 lay people for lay renewal.
4. Involve 30 people in specific mission projects beyond the state in cooperation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.
5. Share resources and personnel of the MBCB with National Baptists in an effort to develop National Baptist churches.
6. Assist the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in becoming free of debt (presently the MBCB owes \$151,000 plus interest for Mississippi Seminary properties.)
7. Establish a \$10,000 annual Scholarship Fund for National Baptist ministerial students in accredited Baptist Colleges

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and Seminaries.

8. Assist in the developing of a strong missions program in every association.
9. Improve the baptism ratio from

1-31 in 1973

to

1-25 in 1984

10. Increase resident membership from 418,838 in 1974 to 500,000 in 1984.
11. Develop strategy for reaching and winning adults.

12. Assist churches to develop a dynamic program for senior adults.
13. Develop a renewed emphasis on teaching adults Baptist doctrine.

14. Strive for a 10 percent increase in enrollment in all Church Program Organizations.
15. Create 100 new churches in fast growing areas.
16. Provide a weekly religious news cost for the entire state.

17. Increase support to all agencies and institutions.
18. Develop a coordinated Youth Program for associations and churches.

High Elected Associate Editor Of Maryland Paper

LUTHERVILLE, Md. (BP) — Larry E. High, news director for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been elected associate editor of The Maryland Baptist here, effective September 1.

High, a 25-year-old Baltimore native, will become the first to hold associate editor status in the Maryland state Baptist paper's 125 - year history, according to Editor R. G. Puckett.

**The EDUCATION COMMISSION The HISTORICAL COMMISSION The AMERICAN SEMINARY COMMISSION —**

## Educating Baptists to EDUCATE the WORLD

Baptists must be educated—about themselves, about others, and about the world around them—in order to effectively obey the Scriptures and carry out a teaching ministry to the world. Baptists must know their history in order to understand their heritage and world mission. And Baptists must be trained to go out on teaching missions for Christ to the people and the churches. Three Southern Baptist Convention agencies—The Education Commission, The Historical Commission, and The Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary—are the MEANS of educating Baptists.

### The Education Commission

There are three major purposes of the Education Commission:

1. To promote cooperation between Southern Baptist-sponsored educational institutions;
2. To provide specific services to Baptist colleges and schools;
3. To maintain liaison for them with various accrediting associations and societies.

The Commission reflects the Southern Baptist commitment to be obedient to the Scriptures in carrying out a teaching ministry. Its programs of service are: Christian education leadership and coordination, college studies and services, teacher-personnel placement services, student recruitment, and Convention relations.

### The Historical Commission

The Historical Commission seeks to serve Southern Baptists, their churches, associations, conventions, and institutions to enable them to know and appreciate Baptist history. The Commission conducts a program of recording, procurement, preservation, and utilization of historical materials to serve history interests of Southern Baptists.

Every church and association is urged to preserve their records by having them microphotographed by the Commission. The Commission also aids churches in writing their histories and in observing anniversaries by publishing and distributing pamphlets, consulting with church leaders, and providing research services.

### The Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary

This Commission is a joint venture of the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention to train ministers and mission workers through the American Baptist Theological Seminary. The Commission receives funds from the SBC and disburses them to the Seminary for its operation and capital needs. The board of trustees of the Seminary is composed of both National Baptists and Southern Baptists.

In addition to its full-time students on campus, the Seminary serves a large number of pastors through an extension program.

Together, these three independent agencies of the SBC play an important role in Baptist education. Funds from the Cooperative Program make their work possible. And, of course, you and your church make the Cooperative Program possible. Your gifts through the program provide the MEANS. The Commissions on Education, History, and the American Seminary provide the WAY.



Seventh in a series of ads on the Cooperative Program.



Discussing the August program for the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Wives' Association are Mrs. Eric Williams (Tex.), president for the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Wives' Association and Bryant Cummings (Miss.), president of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association.

## Blue Mountain College To Host Bible Conference

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pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus.

Mrs. Warren has an extensive background in speaking at youth group activities and conferences for the minister's wife. She has also directed conferences for wives at Ridgecrest, N. C. and at the New Orleans Seminary.

Blue Mountain College president E. Harold Fisher noted, "We are happy to be able to have this Bible conference on our campus and feel that the format of both afternoon and evening sessions will make it suitable for many in the area to attend."

"This is an excellent opportunity for ministers in the Northeast Mississippi area and anyone desiring more information may obtain it by contacting the college."

There is a \$2.50 registration fee for the conference, and the evening meal will be provided for \$1.50. Activities are planned for children in the afternoon, and nursery facilities will be provided.

Dr. Grey is past president of both the Louisiana Baptist Con-

vention and the Southern Baptist Convention and is the author of "Epitaphs For Eager Preachers" which was published in 1972. He is a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Missions Challenge Committee.

### George Sadler Dies

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Theron Rankin and the election of Baker J. Cauthen.

Since retirement in 1960, he had lived here, serving as interim pastor at several churches, including Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church where he was also minister of youth and visitation. He was a member of Richmond's Grace Baptist Church.

As secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East, Sadler directed the growth of the Southern Baptist mission commitment there from 53 missionaries stationed in seven countries to 341 missionaries in 12 countries. He directed missionaries to new work in Ghana in 1947; Southern Rhodesia, 1950; and East Africa, 1956. East Africa included stations in Dar Es Salaam and Mbeya, Tanzania, and Nairobi and Mombasa, Kenya.

In 1960 Sadler, his late wife and other former missionaries were honored in Nigeria for their contribution to its development and preparation for self-government. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the University of Richmond.

Activities at the church on August 3 also include a special installation service for Dr. Fowler at 11 a.m.

Dr. Fowler has been pastor of Clarke - Venable Church, Decatur, since 1968. During that time the church has had 300 additions by baptism and letter. The budget has been increased from \$35,000 to \$87,000 in 1974. The church completed a new sanctuary in 1968 and now has plans for a Youth Activity Center.

A native of Colorado, Dr. Fowler is married to the former Ann Neal Pattat of Tennessee. They are the parents of three sons, Devon, 16, Neal, 13, and Jody, 11.

Dr. Fowler received a B. A. from Union University, Jackson, Tenn. A graduate of New Orleans Seminary, he received B. D., M.R.E., and D. Min. degrees. Also he earned the M. Ed. from University of Southern Mississippi.

Pastoral work has included churches in Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi. Southside Church has had Dr. J. Clark Hensley as interim supply during the past 8½ months. During this time the church has licensed two ministers and ordained one. There have been 6 professions of faith and 11 additions by letter. In addition Dr. Hensley also led in the January Bible Study Week, a Seminar on Grief and Depression and a special emphasis upon Family and Marriage Enrichment.

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**BELLEVUE, Wash. (RNS)** — The Anglican Episcopal Church of North America at its biannual convention here (June 27-29) ratified a "resolution of agreement" with the Anglican Church of America, aimed at ultimate merger of the two splinter groups which left the Episcopal Church.

# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### Christians Should Vote Against Liquor

The liquor crowd never gives up! Again and again they move to have liquor legalized, so that it will be easily available to people everywhere. All of their cries of "control," "moderation," etc., mean little, for what they actually want is a broader availability of the product.

Next week several Mississippi counties are going to vote on whether to legalize liquor sales. Wets in those areas are forcing another election, although they have been defeated in the past.

Christian citizens again thwart these moves, simply by going to the polls and voting against legalization. There are enough Christians in any county in Mississippi to keep liquor from being legalized, if they will go to the polls and say no to these forces.

How should the Christian vote? If he reads his Bible and votes according to its teaching he will vote against all Liquor. Listen to the Word of God:

"Whose heart is filled with anguish and sorrow?" Who is always fighting and quarreling? Who is the man with bloodshot eyes and many wounds? It is the one who spends long hours in the taverns, trying out the new mixtures. Don't let the sparkle and smooth taste of strong drink deceive you. For in the end it bites like a poisonous serpent; it stings like an adder. You will see hallucinations and have delirium tremens, and you will say foolish, silly things that will embarrass you no end when sober. You will stagger like a sailor tossed in the sea, clinging to a swaying mast. And afterwards you will say, "I didn't even know when they beat me up. . . Let's go and have another drink!" (Proverbs 23:29-35 Living Bible).

"They traded a young lad for a prostitute, and a little girl for wine enough to get drunk" (Joel 3:3, Living Bible).

"Woe unto him that giveth his

neighbor to drink. . ." (Hab. 2:15). We could give many, many more passages of Scripture. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN THE BIBLE THAT WOULD GIVE APPROVAL TO ANY CHRISTIAN VOTING FOR THE LEGALIZATION OF LIQUOR.

God is against liquor! The devil is for it!

The Bible is against liquor! Wet literature is for it!

Evangelical churches are against liquor! The non-Christian world is for it!

It is not difficult to see where the Christian should stand when it comes to voting on the legalization of liquor.

We urge you, as a Christian, to take your stand with God, with your Bible, and with fellow Christians, and go to the polls every time you have opportunity and vote against the legalization of liquor.

You will be voting for your children, for yourself and for your community!

### Guest Editorial

### Alcohol—New Drug Menace For Teenagers

By J. Clark Hensley  
Executive Director

Christian Action Commission  
Mississippi Baptist Convention.  
Reader's Digest, April 1975, reported, "Alcohol problems among adolescents are suddenly permeating every level of society, bringing misery and ruin to thousands of young lives." According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 1.13 million Americans between the ages of 12 and 17 have serious drinking problems. In Mississippi, young people account for 15% of D.W.I. offenders. Of these 65% said they had been drinking beer before their arrests,

according to a study by the Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program. The editor of the Tupelo Journal recently observed that "Our community and others in the area need to take any effective steps they can develop to reduce teenage and sub-teen drinking before it is added to (not substituted for) other types of drug-abuse."

One sure way to increase teenage drinking is to increase the availability of beverage alcohol through more beer and liquor outlets. The consumption of alcoholic beverages has more than doubled in Mississippi in the last nine years, according to PEER Committee of

the Legislature. Those favoring legalized liquor in 1966 maintained that legalization would not mean increased consumption. They also had a lot to say about building highways, paying better teacher's salaries and old age assistance. However, their biggest sales pitch was "to protect our youth."

Mississippi does not need more drug pushers! It is hypocritical indeed to oppose the legalization of marijuana or cocaine and favor licensing drug outlets for alcohol—the No. 1 drug of abuse!

We do not help the youth of our state when we legalize marijuana, lets for beer, wine or liquor.

### Blue Mountain Bible Conference

One of the finest experiences which came at Gulfshore was the annual "Bible Conference." Even though the attendance never was as large as it should have been, it always was a memorable meeting, and those who did get to attend will long remember some of the preaching and teaching of these meetings. The very last conference held at Gulfshore was the Bible Conference. It closed at noon on Friday and Hurricane Camille moved in on Sunday night.

We are sure that when the new Gulfshore arises, one of the programs will be a renewal of the Bible Conferences. Those of us who loved those conferences in the past look forward with anticipation to

their being reestablished. Efforts have been made to start some other type of Bible Conference to replace the one at Gulfshore, but with little success, although some churches and some associations have had such conferences on a limited scale.

Now comes the announcement in this issue of the Record of the Blue Mountain Bible Conference, which is to be held next week. The schedule is so arranged that it is a "drive in" type of conference, with people driving in for the afternoon and evening sessions, and enjoying the fellowship of a meal between the two. The program looks very interesting. The featured out of state speaker is Dr. J. D. Grey,

who was long the pastor of New Orleans' First Church, and is widely known in the state. Many will look forward to hearing him again.

Other speakers and conference leaders include Dr. Robert Hamblin of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; Rev. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus; and Dr. James Travis and Mrs. C. C. Warren, both of Blue Mountain College.

This Bible Conference offers a great opportunity to Baptists all over northeast Mississippi, and we hope that the attendance will be even beyond expectations. We further hope that the meeting will be so successful that it will become an annual affair.

the preacher, the Baptist Hour broadcast, and the life story. Part II deals with the sermons as to their preparation, scripture base and subjects. Part III discusses the structure of the sermons and Part IV the style. After a conclusion two representative sermons are given. The book will be a blessing to preachers who read it as they see how this outstanding preacher studies, chooses his messages, and prepares his sermons. While not an exhaustive book, it does present an introduction to one of Southern Baptists' most effective preachers.

SAY HELLO TO YOURSELF by Walter N. Wilson (Broadman, paper, 140 pp., \$1.95) The opening sentence of the introduction says that this book "Is an elementary description of the basic principles of Transactional Analysis." It is written for teenagers involved in group discussion. Each chapter forms a step on the Transactional Analysis ladder to self awareness. Transactional Analysis is defined as a new way of looking at behaviour — Who Am I? — Why Do I Do What I Do? — This is How I Act — What's Going On In My Head? The book uses numerous drawings and illustrations and deals with numerous subjects about which young people are thinking. The author is a teacher and counselor of young people.

THE GIFT OF BELONGING by Johnni Johnson (Broadman, Paper, pocket book 155 pp., \$1.75) The story of Virginia Cobb, missionary to Muslims. The author says that the book is not really a missionary biography. Rather it is a brief account of the after college years of Virginia Cobb, a Georgian who gave her life's energy to the Arab Middle East. Virginia Cobb died of cancer about five years ago, but her influence and her witness live on because she learned to know and communicate with the people among

whom she worked. It is another missionary biography, but one that is rich in its revelation of how a missionary can work effectively.

MR. ADAMS: A PARABLE FOR PARENTS AND OTHERS by Carl Mays (Broadman, 64 pp., \$2.95) An interesting little book which tells of the influence of a 78 year old man who spent his time talking with children. A fascinating story written by a young man who is now in his teens, but was one of the boys to whom the elderly man, now deceased, gave his time and concern.

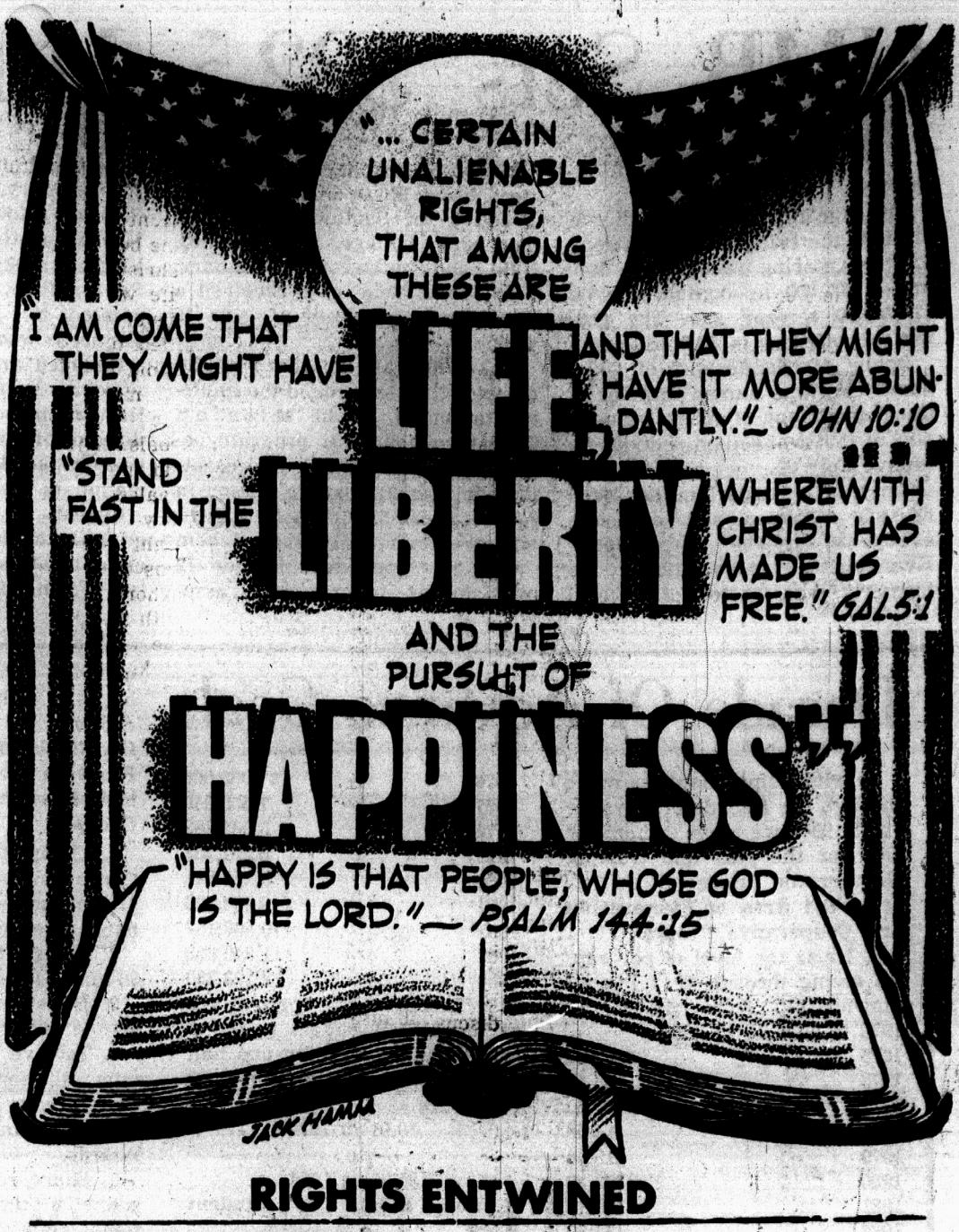
TWELVE WHO FOLLOWED JESUS by Landrum P. Leavell (Broadman, 125 pp., \$3.95) Dr. Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Theological Seminary, and former Mississippi pastor, presents a series of sermons on the Twelve Apostles. These are fresh, clearly outlined messages. They are scripturally based, direct in application, and rich in illustration. The reader will know much more about the twelve men who walked with Jesus when he reads these pages.

TARGET-GROUP EVANGELISM by Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr. and Cal Thomas (Broadman, 132 pp., \$3.95) Ralph Neighbour is a former Houston pastor who now is with the Foreign Mission Board. Cal Thomas is a television reporter in Houston, Texas. This is a book on evangelism directed toward reaching certain groups of people. This is target group evangelism which zeros in on people who have special spiritual problems or needs. The authors discuss the spiritual power and preparation which is needed and then give clear definite reports from experience on how to witness to the target groups. The book will open Christian eyes to those about them who need Christ and make clear suggestions as to how many of them can be reached.

### NEWEST BOOKS

DR. COURTS REDFORD: HIS LIFE AND LABORS by G. S. Swadley (LeRoi Publishers, 117 pp., paper, \$3.25) Courts Redford is best known as the Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1954 until 1964. For the ten previous years he had served as associate secretary of the board, under the leadership of Dr. J. B. Lawrence. From 1930 to 1944 he was president of Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri. Born in Missouri Dr. Redford had grown up in southwest Oklahoma. When the Redford family moved to a farm near Lone Wolf, Oklahoma was still a territory. Here is the story of a boy being influenced by his family and by the activities of a small Baptist church, an influence that made his life what it was. God called him to preach at an early age, and he became a soul-winning witness even before that call. He worked his way through Oklahoma Baptist University and as an evangelist during the summer. This book tells of his development as a preacher, as a Christian educator, and finally as a mission executive. Those who know Dr. Redford will find many things in this book to remind them of him. Those who do not know him will read of how God took a boy and grew him into a man whom he could use.

MR. BAPTIST HOUR by J. Donald Baker (LeRoi Publishers, 140 pp., \$3.95; paperback \$1.95) Few men among Southern Baptists today are better known than Herschel Hobbs, who for many years has been the preacher on the Baptist radio program, The Baptist Hour. This is not a biography, although a brief biographical sketch is given. Rather this is a study of the radio program and its preacher with a special study of his preaching. Part I is on the program and



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#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### Seeking To Locate Former Members

Dear Dr. Odle:

The Longview Heights Church, located now in DeSoto Association, was formerly a part of Shelby Association in Memphis. It was organized in 1927 and at one time had more than a thousand members. The church re-located in 1970 in the Olive Branch area.

In October of each year the church has a homecoming day. We're trying to locate those who may have surrendered to preach while attending Longview. If you could help us by placing such request in our paper, we would be grateful. Please call Armond D. Taylor, phone 895-6368, or 895-5929, Olive Branch, MS, or White Route 1, Box 744, Olive Branch, MS, 38604.

Thank you for your assistance.  
Armond D. Taylor, Pastor

#### Light for Living

Chester E. Swor

#### Message From The King

Louis Cassella, for many years the writer of a widely-read religious column, told of a pastor who asked his Sunday morning congregation: "How many of you would like to receive a personal message from God to guide you in dealing with your problems and help you make sense out of life?" As you can well imagine, nearly every listener raised a hand.

At that point, the pastor reached into the pulpit, lifted up a Bible and said: "You may have to read this book fairly extensively before you encounter the message that is addressed especially to you. But I can guarantee that if you read it faithfully, God will speak to you through it, just as genuinely and personally as if He had sent you a telegram."

With that stimulating assurance at hand, why do so many Christians not get those personal messages from God? At least some of the reasons are these:

1. Some have either not ever developed the spiritual health habit of a daily reading of God's Word, or they have let the habit lapse.

2. Others read the Bible so skimpily and hurriedly that they do not encounter the passages in which God is speaking to them.

3. Still others see the words with their eyes, but do not bring to the reading the spiritual attention and alertness necessary to perceiving the message.

4. Some others, having heard so many directions from God which they have not followed, are hardened to the messages which they read.

But from Christians of long and rich experience with God's word there comes this positive assurance: if we will read God's Word REGULARLY (every day, unhesitatingly), SPIRITUALLY (asking the Holy Spirit to assist us in understanding and applying), and AdeQUATELY (sufficiently long to make sure that we have understood not only what the actual passage says, but what has preceded and followed a day's passage), we shall receive many personal messages from God for guidance, illumination, peace, joy, and victory.

(Published by special arrangement with Dr. Chester Swor, 902 Whitworth Street, Jackson, Mississippi)

On The MORAL SCENE...

ALCOHOLISM IS 'NO. 1 TEEN PROBLEM'—Alcoholism is the "No. 1 drug problem among teenagers" today, and parents who are relieved that their children use booze instead of dope are only fooling themselves, a California psychiatrist says. Dr. William Rader said . . . that alcoholism among the young will continue as long as "positive drink images" are made by peers, parents and the media. . . Parents feel comfortable that their kids aren't taking dope. . . They know drinking is legal and they may have alcohol in their own homes. But the dangers of it are terrific. We're seeing 12-year-olds in AA. Just think about what that means." According to Rader, 5% of all seniors in American high schools are involved to some extent in alcohol use. Half a million teenagers in the United States are alcoholics. . . but few are getting help to deal with their problem. . . Alcoholism is a terminal disease. . . the dangers are critical for teenagers because the effects of alcoholism set in much more rapidly than they do in adults. "A teenager can become an alcoholic in 10 months, while it might take 10 years for an adult." (The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Sunday, July 6, 1975)

STUDENTS WANT GRADES AND MONEY — As jobs become scarcer, U.S. college students are becoming more concerned with grades and money and less interested in social and political issues. . . Students are choosing professions which they think offer the most money and job security. According to the American Council on Education, 17% of American freshmen want to be doctors, lawyers, or teachers. . . Harvard psychologist Jerome Kagan says that the concern about grades is approaching a phobia. The intense competition has produced a variety of results: cheating is increasing (and) psychiatric problems and suicide attempts are increasing among students. (The Futurist, June 1975)

IS LESS MORE? — Americans are, or will shortly be, in the process of making the most fundamental adjustment they have ever had to make. . . Economic factors are such that the prudent American must adjust to the likelihood that material life may never be the same again. From whatever area you ap-

proach the problem (our present economic turmoil), solutions will necessarily require permanent alterations in the size and scope of our activities, possessions and dreams. . . The individual can diminish his discontent by reordering his priorities. . . When you can no longer afford the life you're living, or the life you can buy for what you earn becomes unacceptable, then you're motivated to change.

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# Resources For Christian Growth

By Wm. J. Fallis  
Philippians 4:4-9;  
Colossians 3:1-7

When a man or woman considers the possibilities of a new job, a prime concern will be available

  
resources for doing well in it, winning advancement, and enjoying the work. The employer must be satisfied that the prospective worker has ability and adequate training as well

as skill in getting along with other people. But the worker wants to know whether a fair salary is offered, what opportunities he will have for advanced training, whether his supervisor will really want to see him succeed, and whether the company is honest and committed to quality work. A Christian need never ask about the resources for Christian growth unless he is really new to the whole experience. The New Testament assures that believers will want to grow, and it offers guidance and resources.

#### The Lesson Explained The Example Of A Trusted Teacher (Phil. 4:4-9)

This letter to the church at Philippi echoes with joy and rejoice, but it does not mean merely: "be happy." Only "in the Lord" could that church find the outlook on life that would not be

#### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board (With Photo)

Perhaps the most frightening thing that happened to me while I was away from this ironing board was that I became a mother-in-law.

I'm not quite ready to say what kind of mother-in-law I am developing into, but this may tell you something. Bobby's fellowship at Southern Illinois University to begin his graduate program began in June. They left on a Friday. A week from the following Sunday James and I drove well over four hundred miles to see them!

They were very glad, though because we had a load of their belongings. See, I've already figured out how to be sure of being eagerly awaited! They were also glad to see us because they said they had been feeling like country bumpkins in the big university surroundings. That was before classes began and before they had learned their way around campus and around town.

The wedding and dinner were at our house on December 21. I asked the Lord for two things during the preceding months: pretty weather and patience to keep my right arm away from the vicinity of Bobby's head — he and I are so much alike we generate all kinds of sparks. If the Lord had as hard a time giving us the gorgeous, just-right weather as I had providing a no-lump-on-the-head groom, He must have been glad the next day was Sunday, so that He could rest.

Things all worked together for good, as God's promise keeps saying things will, and we have an adorable daughter-in-law. The excitement of having a wedding dress designed (from an old pattern from my teenage years, incidentally) and made here at the house, going trousseau and gift-for-the-groom shopping with Nan, hiding the items from Bobby, storing secrets in my cedar chest, James' helping Nan shop for the bridal veil materials, all of us planning decorations, buying food, cooking, etc. — all these things were experiences people with only boys usually are resigned to missing.

We loved it all. Only one thing bothered me. I knew there had to be times when Nan, though she never gave me the slightest evidence of it, must have thought about her mother and wished for her to be living to do the things I was doing. It made me realize two things: how dearly I love Nan, and how much only the mother can be the mother to the child, no matter how much the love. Fortunately, I will always be Bobby's mother and that makes me as available as a woman can be! To both son and daughter-in-law.

So far, I love being a mother-in-law. Nan makes it easy.

be distorted by suffering. Its "moderation" may be better understood as courtesy or graciousness with strength. The expectation of the Lord's coming could give them poise. The Philippians must not be anxious because they knew that God would meet their needs through prayer "with thanksgiving." Such trust would come by the gift of God's peace.

Because all the virtues mentioned in verse 8 were known and discussed in the pagan society of that time, these ideas were not peculiar to Christianity. But Paul used them as a summary of his concern that his readers concentrate on noble qualities of life. This kind of mental focusing is more than reflecting on generalities; it is getting so well acquainted with things that are true, honest, and just that they begin to shape one's life. The next step for Paul was to make his instruction quite specific. "Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my deeds" (TEV). The Challenge Of Things Above (Col. 3:1-4)

Paul discusses the fulness of the Christian life. It is radically different from pagan living because the believer has not only died with Christ, but he has been raised to life with him. Therefore, the believer must live the resurrection kind of life. Although he cannot avoid living on earth, he must fix his mind on heavenly qualities of life — values, standards, and goals. These are not vague ideals but patterns and principles revealed in the life of Christ, who now "sits on His throne at the right side of God" (TEV). This was the distinctive note in Paul's exhortation; men cannot make it with idealism, but they must have the crucified and risen Christ to make life real in them.

The New Life In The Church Col. 3:12-17

In several ways this passage shows that Paul was thinking of expressing various personal qualities within the context of the church. As God's chosen ones ("elect"), the individual believers made up the church. In verse 15 he says they were "called in one body," and in the next verse they were to teach one another. Within that family of God — made up of "new men" in Christ — they must "dress" in a way to reveal

their new allegiance. But the garments were attitudes and habits that would demonstrate their love for one another: kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. The Greek word translated "bowels of mercies" referred to inner organs thought to be the center of emotion; it can be translated "a heart of compassion."

Of course, forgiveness must be a constant practice in the church because every member has already received forgiveness from Christ. In verse 14 "charity" really means love, which Paul describes as the belt that holds other garments in place.

words that bring healing to the hurt.

The Consequences of Speech Prov. 18:21: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

The tongue has the power of death and life. Therefore it is imperative to use it properly. What is said and how it is said are all important. One must take the responsibility for not only what is said, but for how it will be interpreted.

The Beauty of Speech The wise person knows how to make his words to be like "apples of gold in baskets of silver."

A well-timed word, which is helpful and acceptable to others, brings glow of satisfaction to the speaker. He finds joy in an appropriate answer and a fitting word. The right use of speech is an art requiring exquisite skill.

Prov. 25:11: "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in baskets of silver."

The Malicious Speech

A variety of undesirable actions are described in Proverbs 28:20-28. All of these verses except 26-27 deal in one way or another with slanderous or false speaking. The "whisperer" is discussed in Prov. 18:8, or one whose words are taken like good-tasting bits of food, and we take them into our being. We may forget the good things we hear about people, but we recall easily the bad things and whisper them to others who devour them eagerly. The whisperer keeps the fires of contention going with his slanderous gossip.

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fire which destroys everything it touches. It not only hurts the person who speaks or who is spoken of but like a rubbish fire, it leaves soot and smoke damage on all who are around. When evil gossip erupts, it reveals shallow mindedness, cowardice, and jealousy.

Some of the most powerful words ever spoken come from the lips of Jesus Christ. The invitation was "come unto me," and people still feel the compassion of the Master. Words that echo authority were: go, tarry, pray, love.

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#### The Importance of Speech

The importance of speech is stressed in Proverbs 12: 13, 14, 18, 19. The power of words is very great. Notice especially the healing power of speech in verse 18, "There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." The wise man knows the therapeutic value of words. The fool reacts to an affront or irritating situation without taking time for an appraisal of the situation. He may speak a cutting word, but the wise man can speak

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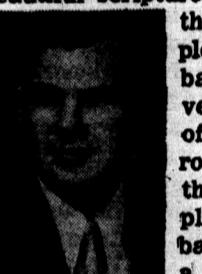
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## N. O. Alumni

### Elect Dan Hall As President



Dan C. Hall, Director, Church Music Department, MBCB, was elected national president of the New Orleans Music Alumni Association at the annual alumni meeting, Ridgecrest, N. C.

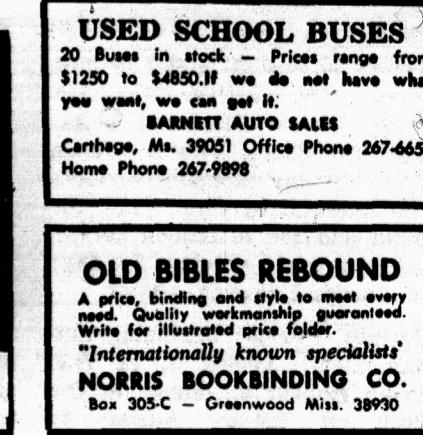
Other officers elected were Jim Stroud (vice-president), minister of music, Trinity Church, Lake Charles, La., and John Leland (secretary-treasurer), minister of music, First Church, Enterprise, Alabama.

#### Correction

In the report on Annie Armstrong Offerings in the July 17 Baptist Record First Church, Terrell, was reported as having given \$47.79. The correct amount given by the church was \$1000.30.



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Thursday, July 31, 1975

# Just For The Record



## Cato To Build Sanctuary

Cato (Rankin) broke ground July 6 for a new sanctuary. Taking part in the ceremony were the six people above, the Building Committee: Morris Goodman, James Martin, Rev. Ricky Gray, pastor, Don Patrick, Barbara Meadows, and Lurleen Shotts.

## Rock Bluff Homecoming

Rock Bluff (Rankin) will hear Rev. Wesley Miley, pastor at First, Lake, speak at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, August 3, as they celebrate homecoming. Then in the afternoon they will hear special music presented by Johnny Welsborn and the New Life Singers. Dinner on the grounds will be followed by the singing that will begin at 1:30.

## Revival Results

**Corinth, Magee:** July 6-11; Rev. Perry Neal of Montgomery, Alabama, evangelist; Tom Laramore of Jackson, music evangelist; Rev. Billy Guest, pastor; 12 professions of faith; one commitment to full-time Christian service; several family commitments; 48 re-dedications.

**Mt. Pleasant (Holmes):** July 6-11; Rev. Edd McDaniel of First, Durant, evangelist; Rev. Bennie Joe McBride, Shreveport, La., singer; Jelene Mann, Kosciusko, pianist; Rev. Randall Lindsay, interim pastor; three professions of faith; a large number of rededications.

Director of Sunday School at Pine Grove is Paul Killen.

## Pine Grove Exceeds SS Enrollment

Two hundred and four in Sunday School marked the beginning of revival and the reaching of a goal set by the Sunday School faculty at Pine Grove near Union. The enrollment was exceeded by 23. There were 164 members of 181 enrollment present. About 50% of the visitors in Sunday School were the people in the community not enrolled in Bible study.

Pastor R. R. Newman said, "Promotion, visitation, and prayer for the revival got the people's interest stirred. We told the people that our goal was 200 and we wanted them to come to Bible study. Also, they were told little babies counted as much as a grown man. So, counting the workers, the nursery had 11 in a 12 x 12 room — one set of twins. One adult class that had been down in number had 29 present. We had a record attendance in Training Union — 104."

There were two by letter and six on profession of faith during the revival. The church is following a plan for the year in promotion of Sunday School attendance in Bible study. They are cooperating with the county director of missions, Kermit Sharp, Neshoba County) and state leadership in Sunday School promotion.

Mr. Curbow goes to Bethel from Sunrise Church in Carthage. He is a graduate of Mississippi College,

## Rock Hill To Dedicate Hymnals

Rock Hill Church, Brandon, will hold a hymnal dedication service, Sunday evening, August 3 at 7:30 p.m. The church will be dedicating their recently purchased new hymnals, *Baptist Hymnal '75*, in a service of praise and celebration. The public is invited.

Phil Bradley is minister of music and Rev. Robert L. Jones is pastor.

## Linn Homecoming

Linn Church, Doddsville (Sunflower) will observe homecoming August 3. Rev. Claude Howe, Sr., a former pastor, will speak at 11 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will be served at noon, according to Rev. Artie E. Nute, interim pastor.

## Horseshoe Calls Floyd Alford

Rev. Floyd D. Alford, Jr. has accepted the pastorate of Horseshoe Church, Tchula, Holmes As-sociation.

He was ordained by Cruger Church June 22. The charge to the church was delivered by Rev. C. J. Olander, retired, Tchula, and the charge to the candidate was delivered by Rev. Clayton Bath, pastor of First Church, Tchula. Rev. James Carr is Cruger pastor.

Mr. Alford had been doing supply work in Holmes County prior to his call to the pastorate. He is a native of Colia, Carroll County, and is married to the former Sally Farish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Farish, of Cruger. They have four children: Kathy, John, Tenna, and Susie.

## Bethel Calls Pastor

Bethel Church, Yalobusha County, has called a new pastor, Rev. Howard T. Curbow. He and his wife Faye and children, Clark and Dawn, have moved into the pastorate and he has assumed duties at the church.

Mr. Curbow goes to Bethel from Sunrise Church in Carthage. He is a graduate of Mississippi College,

## Luther C. Holcomb Dies At Purvis

Rev. Luther C. Holcomb Sr., 64, longtime Baptist minister, died unexpectedly on June 20, at his home in Purvis, Miss.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church, Purvis, on Sunday, June 22, with Rev. Thomas Hall and Rev. Rayford Moore officiating. Burial was in the Coal Town Cemetery.

A Baptist minister for 44 years, he had held pastorates in Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. He retired in 1973 and returned to Purvis to live.

## Baptized At 80

Elmer Wroten, who will be 80 years old Sept. 20, was baptized on June 22 at Clarke Venable Church, Decatur, by Dr. Fred Fowler, pastor.

Mr. Wroten, who built and operated the Decatur Stockyard and meat processing plant, is a retired cattleman and businessman. This is an answer to prayers and was a source of joy to the church. Mrs. Wroten has been a member of Clarke Venable for 30 years. They live on Highway 15 North.

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## Off The Record

One day instead of serving the usual hot meal, the school cafeteria handed out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as the entree. After lunch, a satisfied first grader marching out the door complimented the cafeteria manager: "Finally, you gave us a home-cooked meal."

Two foremen were comparing notes. "Do all the boys in your plant drop their tools the moment the whistle blows?" asked one.

"No, not at all," replied the other forlornly. "The more orderly ones have their tools put away before that time." — Rotary Round-Up, (Alamosa, CO.)

## Devotional

### The Only Solution!

By Jim Keith, Pastor, First, Laurel

A Constitutional Convention gathered in May of 1787 in Philadelphia to formulate the document which would serve as the foundation of the newly formed colonial nation. A lack of unanimity among the delegates however led to a potentially chaotic division. The pivotal moment came in the deliberations when the colonial sage, Ben Franklin, rose before the representative body and incisively suggested the only acceptable solution. He declared: "The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men; and if a sparrow cannot fall without His notice is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

Thomas Jefferson had already sensed a Divine Presence while penning the Declaration of Independence. This led him to announce in 1784: "And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure, when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?"

The same providential Lord who was credited by our Founding Fathers for directing them in the formation of our country is available in our Bicentennial year for granting the power to solve the problems we face today. We foolishly forget that it was a conditional covenant for the providence of a nation which God gave when he said: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14). God's promise is still valid for those willing to fulfill the conditions.

John Hancock boldly signed the Declaration of Independence challenging all the world to see his commitment to the cause of liberty. Now it is time for us to commit our names to the healing covenant offered to us by God. In 1789, James Ireland, a Presbyterian preacher in Virginia, was faced with such an opportunity. His response: "I sat down and counted the cost, freedom or confinement, liberty or a prison? Having ventured all upon Christ, I determined to suffer all for Him." Our country was built upon that kind of commitment to God. It can be redemptively reshaped by it once again!

## West Marks Calls Kirkland

Rev. Ronald G. Kirkland has accepted a call as pastor of West Marks Church, Quitman Association. He is the former pastor of Bridgedale Church, Metairie, La.

He and his wife, the former Betty Sue Morgan, are native Mississippians and are both graduates of Mississippi College; they have two sons.

Mr. Kirkland was ordained by Bethel Church, Liberty, and has been preaching since he was 14. He received a B. A. from Mississippi College and Th.M. from New Orleans Seminary; he expects to receive his Th.D. in 1976.

In addition to his work as pastor, Mr. Kirkland has served as youth director, teacher-coach and bank clerk.

## Tinsley Deacon Dies

William Brewer Sudduth Sr., 63, died July 20 at Mercy Hospital at Vicksburg. He was a resident of Tinsley and a dedicated member and deacon of Tinsley Church and was employed by Pennzoil Company.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. W. B. Sudduth of Tinsley, two sons, W. B. Sudduth Jr., of Monroe, La. and Kenneth Sudduth of Yazoo City; two daughters, Mrs. Carol Cheatham, Yazoo City, and Mrs. Rosemary Rhodes of Pelahatchie; seven grandchildren; a stepmother, Mrs. Eddie Sudduth; five brothers, a stepbrother, five sisters, and a stepsister.

Services were held on July 22 at Stricklin-King Chapel. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery. Rev. Louis Gooch, Rev. Robert Peters, and Rev. J. P. Everett, officiated.

## Revival Dates

**New Providence (Copiah):** July 27-Aug. 1; Rev. David Lawrence, pastor; Rev. Farris Smith, pastor of Shady Grove, evangelist; Michael Lawrence, singer; Mrs. Robert Freeman, pianist.

**Center Hill, Hamilton:** Aug 3-8; Rev. Billy Wayne Morris of Anniston, Ala., guest evangelist (a former pastor of Center Hill); Marvin Taylor, music director; quartets and other groups to assist the choir in special music; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. H. L. Redd, pastor.

**Houston Road Chapel, Laurel:** Aug 3-8; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. John Davis, associate pastor of First, Fairfield, Alabama, evangelist; Floyd Grice, minister of music at Magnolia Street, Laurel, singer; Rev. Joseph B. Knight, pastor.

**First Southern Baptist Church (Hancock):** July 27 - August 1; Rev. A. G. Gray, pastor of Emmanuel, Vicksburg, evangelist; Ken Harmon, minister of music, River Road Church, New Orleans, singer; J. L. Raspberry, pastor; services 7:30 p.m.

**First, Wiggins:** August 3 - 8; Rev. James W. Street, pastor, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest of Yazoo City; music evangelists.

**Crooked Creek (Lawrence):** August 3-8; Rev. Mike Willoughby of Sunshine (Rankin), evangelist; Lester Turnage, singer; Mrs. Gwen Stephens, pianist; Mrs. Rose Davis, organist; Rev. W. M. Buffington, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. with lunch at the church and gospel singing in the afternoon by the Midway Singing Group from Simpson County; during week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Westside Church, Bruce:** Aug. 3-8; evangelists, Tommy and Diana Winders, Tupelo, assisted by Tom and Marsha Lineberger, N.C.; 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Rev. R. A. Coulter, Jr., pastor.

**Concord (Yazoo):** Aug. 3-8; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; homecoming Aug. 3 with dinner on the ground; Rev. Bobby Davis, pastor, Hamburg Church, Roxie, evangelist; Rev. Glenn Davis, pastor, Ellison, singer; Rev. K. Cook, pastor.

**First, Mathiston:** August 3-8; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Ade Nute of Clarkdale, evangelist; Rev. J. B. Rowe, pastor of Tommolen Church, singer; Rev. Marvin D. Bibb, pastor.

**New Prospect, Brookhaven:** August 3-8; Dr. R. F. Halford of First, Branford, Fla., and former pastor of New Prospect, evangelist; Rev. Jerry Smith, minister of music at New Prospect, singer; Rev. James Watts, pastor; homecoming on August 3, with dinner on the grounds at noon, Sunday school at 10, worship at 11, and an old-fashioned revival singing at 1:15 p.m.; services during week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Cooperville (Scott):** August 3-8; Rev. D. W. Moore from County Line Church, Neshoba County, preaching; services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; prayer services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Gary Strehlow, pastor.

**Valley Park Church:** August 3-8; Rev. J. Harold Jones, Vicksburg, pastor of Straight Bayou, evangelist; Barry Hamel, Vicksburg, music student at Mississippi College, singer; Ann Elizabeth Ivey, Valley Park, pianist; Mrs. Janie Frye, organist; Rev. Leon Ivey, pastor.

**Clarkson (Zion):** August 3-8; services 6 p.m. Sunday; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week; Rev. Jim Vance, pastor of Calvary, Starkville, evangelist; Rev. Jeff Gilder, pastor.

**North Greenwood Church, Greenwood:** Aug. 8-10; Buddy Mathis, Pascagoula, a senior at Mississippi College, evangelist in a youth-led revival; music under direction of Charles Murphy, III; Debbie Pope from First Church, Pritchard, Ala., pianist (Debbie is recognized as one of the most gifted young pianists in the South. She recently completed playing with the New Orleans Symphony); Dr. Walter Yeldell, pastor.

**Forrest Avenue, Biloxi, Miss.:** August 3-8; services at noon and 7 p.m.; Rev. Allen Stephens, Pastor, Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, evangelist; J. R. Smith, Hattiesburg, singer; Rev. Jim Haynes, pastor.

**Zion Hill Liberty:** August 3-8; Rev. James Roberts, pastor, evangelist; Rev. Robert Scott, pastor, Silver Creek, singer; homecoming 10:45 August 3 with dinner on the ground and afternoon service at 1; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week.

**First, Mathiston:** August 3-8; regular Sunday services with dinner served; Monday-Friday 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. John Hedgepeth, pastor of Terry's Creek, Oyka, evangelist; Clifton Williams, minister of music; Friendship, McComb, singer; Rev. John L. Carlisle, pastor.

**Montgomery Church, Summit:** Aug. 3-8; regular Sunday services with dinner served; Monday-Friday 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. John Hedgepeth, pastor of Terry's Creek, Oyka, evangelist; Clifton Williams, minister of music; Friendship, McComb, singer; Rev. John L. Carlisle, pastor.

**Antioch (Simpson):** August 3-8; Rev. Joy Royalty with the E. J. Daniels Evangelistic Association, evangelist; Ralph Burroughs, Antioch, singer; dinner on the ground Sunday, August 3; services each night at 7:30; Rev. George L. Lewis, pastor.

**Mountain Creek Church, Florence:** Aug. 3-8; Rev. Guy Gray, evangelist; Roland Dear, music director at Mountain Creek, music evangelist; services 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. with dinner on the grounds Sunday, Aug. 3; Rev. Jack West, interim pastor.

**Beulah, Weir:** August 3-8; services at 7:45 p.m.; Rev. James Earl Drane, director of missions, Choctaw and Zion Associations, evangelist; Maxie Bradberry, singer; Mrs. Maxie Bradberry, singer.

**Rocky Point (Leake):** August 3-8; Rev. John D. Hopper of Meridian, evangelist; Wayne Robbins of Clinton and Jackson, singer; services at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; homecoming on Sunday, August 3, with dinner on the grounds and singing in the afternoon; Rev. Lester Janes, pastor.

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## Names In The News

Dr. James C. Harvey will assume the duties of minister of education in Second Avenue Church, Laurel, on August 1. He is a native Mississippian and currently serves as pastor of First Church, Brooksville. Dr. Harvey is married to the former Daisie Cochran and they are the parents of two daughters, both of whom are married. His formal training has been received in Blue Mountain College, Mississippi State University, Trinity College, New Orleans Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary. From the last named institution he earned the Doctor of Ministry degree with his major in the field of Christian education. Dr. Jake Murphy is pastor of Second Avenue.

Gilbert Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ray, missionary associates to Thailand, married Rebecca Danice Strain on May 10 in Mississippi. His parents may be addressed at Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis I. Myers Jr., former missionaries to Vietnam, are currently in the States (address: Box 98, Niceville, Fla. 32578). They are working with Vietnamese refugees at Elgin Air Force Base.

**Bethlehem (Scott):** Aug. 3-8; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; Rev. Ron Mercer, Springfield, Morton, evangelist; Don Lum, First, Pearl, singer; Sunday morning services to be followed by dinner on the ground and the afternoon services at 1; no night services Sunday; Rev. James Edwards, pastor.

**Corinth, Purvis:** beginning Saturday night, August 2, at 7:30 through August 8; dinner at the church on Sunday August 3; Evangelists Bob Hollis and Don Boyette of Living Word Evangelistic Association Lexington, Ky., speaker and singer; Rev. Ronnie Wright, pastor.

**O'Flocklofa (Yalobusha):** Aug. 3-8; at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Donnie Stewart, pastor, First, Coffeeville, evangelist; Larry Dean Hardy, North Batesville, singer; Mrs. Sandra Pinkerton and Mrs. Cubel Hardy, accompanists; Rev. Harry Sartain, pastor.

**Shady Grove (George):** on June 22 licensed Clyde Robert (